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INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

PREVALENT IN MANY COUNTRIES OF CON-TINENTAL EUROPE.

STOPPING BUSINESS IN GERMAN CITIES-LEAD.

BRUSSELS CLOSED.

ING TO INFLAMMATION OF THE LUNGS

Paris, Dec. 24.-The epidemic reigns and rages. The conference of lawyers which was to have ened yesterday did not do so, because the ajority of the speakers were ill. Reports from will are to the effect that there is no abatement the evil there. In Brunswick it has assumed malignant type, and there have been many At Frankfort it is increasing. The tramas there have ceased operations because the employes are all ill. Mannheim has been severely cicted. At Munich the cases increase, and the ction of business is much interfered with.

theatres announce that the programmes of the

play are not to be depended upon, as the illness

of actors may make it necessary to change the

ames at any moment, or even to change the

At Antwerp the disease is increasing, but it is diminishing among both the garrison and the scople at Amsterdam. It has appeared at Dor-drecht among the soldiers and sailors, and in the factories. It is serious in the barracks at Brusels and half the carabineers and grenadiers of the Corps des Guides are ill.

Vienna, Dec. 24 .- A frequent sequel to cases of influenza here is an attack of inflammation of the lungs. A number of persons in the hospital, who had been suffering from influenza, were stricken with inflammation of the lungs, and sev-

cal of them have died. Influenza has made its appearance in a Jesuit shool at Kalksburg, the pupils of which are the stildren of Conservative aristocrats. Sixty-eight dildren of Conservative aristocrats. Sixty-eight of the scholars have been attacked by the disease. Brussels, Dec. 24.—The influenza is rapidly greading in this city. Thirty per cent of the shool children of the city are suffering from the disease, and the schools have been closed in consequence of the epidemic. The disease has spread to all the Government offices, and a number of officials are prostrated.

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Ministers, the President of the Cortes, many
members of the Cortes, and Miss Nevada and

SAN SALVADOR'S RECORDS DESTROYED.

Panama. Dec. 16 .- The following details respecting the destruction of the palace at San Salvador are taken from the "Debates," of that city, of November 23: "At about 12 o'clock last night the bells rang out a fre slarm. The National Palace was on fire, and from me four corners of this extensive edifice, which govered a block, flames were shooting skyward. The erigin of the fire remains unknown. Within two hours the palace had been converted into a mass of ruins. fire is attributed to incendiarism, and the crime has caused the destruction of the old archives of the federation respecting the days of the Spanish Vice foralty, the modern private registries, the decree If the Legislatures and all the documents of the ifferent Ministries. Everything of historic value has different Ministries. Everything of instoric varieties, and the Tribunais, the Concress and the Executive have been deprived of the records of the acts of their predecessors and everything that served them as laws for the administration of the country." The Government has ordered than an apport tax of \$1 per cental shall be collected on coffee, and that the proceeds of the tax shall be devoted to woulding the Government House.

A DENIAL FROM SIR CHARLES TUPPER. Toronto, Dec. 24.-A cable dispatch to "The Globe" ies, on the authority of Sir Charles Tupper, the internent telegraphed from Ottawa to the effect on the modes vicends with the United states in the patter of the fisheries would not be renewed by

Causa, owing to President Harrison's failure to act.
Ottawa, Dec. 24 (Special).—Reports of the intentions of the Government respecting the modus vivendi lelegraphed to the American press, have led to umerous inquiries here to-day. The position of the Dominion Government is that, if no fresh arrangement is arrived at between Great Britain and the United is arrived at between Great Britain and the United states, the modus vivendi lapses as a matter of course, and there is nothing left but to fall back on the treaty of 1818. A member of the Government said to-day that the question was not yet formally before the Cabinet, and no decision had been arrived at, but that the understanding was that the treaty would be reverted to and the modus vivendi abrogated early in the year, if no definite understanding should be arrived at by the three Governments.

SLAVIN THE CHAMPION OF ENGLAND. London, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the Pelican Club at night, it was resolved to send a letter to Frank P. Slavin, the Australian pugilist, who was assaulted by ruffians during his fight with Jem Smith yesterday pressing admiration for his courage in fighting in the face of the ruffianism displayed at the ring-side England, and to present him with a belt and a purse

Fleming, who acted as Smith's umpire, and who is a member of the club, was suspended from member-ship. Upon his arrival in London, Slavin was warmly released by a large crowd. He visited the Stock Exchange today, and the members subscribed £150 for him on the spot.

A BERLIN PAPER'S PRAISE OF STANLEY. Berlin, Dec. 24 .- The "Vossische Zeitung" has an deresting article on the German attitude toward saley, in which it says that if the German en-Unstasts for colonial development should attempt to follow lame attacks upon England by assailing Stan et, they would prove themselves mean-spirited copie in the lowest sense of the word. In the reropion of Stanley the people of Berlin should not be with the stanley the people of Berlin should not be with the stanley that the people of Berlin should not be with the stanley that the stanl

SUCOTT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN MONTREAL Imtreal, Dec. 24.-The police authorities here have exered that Silcott, the absconding cashier of the Pant-at-Arms of the United States House of Repre atives, accompanied by his paramour, Herminie Mbault, arrived in Montreal on Saturday, December 7. he woman went to the house of her married sister, irs. Lemoine, in Sanguinet st., where she remained intil last Friday, when she started for New-York on an arly morning train. Mrs. Lemoine denied all knowl-sige of Silcott, but her husband admitted that Silcott had been a frequent visitor at his house. The New-lork police have been advised of Miss Thibault's re-harn to that city.

SUCCESS OF THE ECLIPSE EXPEDITION. London, Dec. 24.—Dispatches from St. Paul de bando report that numerous photographs of the were obtained by the American expedition durhas the period of totality. The effect was much obsured by clouds. All the apparatus in use worked to perfect for. The photographs made on the Pensada, which worked far out at sea, are likely to be facilitately useful.

THE UNITY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. Sene, Dec. 24.-The Pope received to-day the Some College of Cardinals. In addressing them, the Seed College of Cardinals. In addressing them, the Petiti said: "In these times, when the Church is smalled and persecuted because it is the great strongial of faith and truth, it is a consolation to know that among the children of the Church themselves here is perfect unity." His Holiness announced that he would shortly issue an encyclical letter defining the fattes of Catholics in this crisis.

TO INVESTIGATE THE PANAMA CANAL. Panama, Dec. 16.—Preparations are still making for e reception of the Canal Commissioners, and to put canal matters in such order as will facilitate the carching investigation which it is anticipated will be made by the men now on their way here. The population of the 1stamus continues to diminish.

HAP TO THE STEAMER EGYPTIAN MONARCH. London, Dec. 24.—The British steamer Egyptian march, Captain Irwin, from London, December 6.

New-York, returned to-day to Falmouth, with her MR. SPURGEON SICK AT MENTONE. london, Dec. 24.-A dispatch from Mentone says the throat aliment of Mr. Spurgeon, the well-

DEATH OF CHARLES MACKAY, LL. D. London, Dec. 25.—Charles Mackay, Ll.D., author and journalist, is dead, age seventy-five years. During the Civil War in America he resided in New-York as corre-

Mr. Mackay was born in Perth, Scotland, edited "The Glasgow Argus" from 1844 to 1847, and was long con-nected with "The London Illustrated News." He lectured in the United States in 1858, and was war correspondent in 1862-565, He was best known by his songs, some of which were set to music composed by himself. He also printed several volumes of poems, legends, essays, and stories.

PERUVIAN BONDHOLDERS TO BUILD A RAILWAY Panama, Dec. 16.—The report which had been cir-culated that foreign holders of Peruvian bonds had presented a claim for £4,000,000 against Chili, on ac count of the enormous receipts obtained by Chill from the Peruvian port of Tarapaca, has been denied by Lord Donoughmore, the representative of the Peruvian is waiting there to receive the railways, and to be in formed of the steps taken in London by the committee to cancel and deliver the foreign debt to Peru. Prob ably a month or more will clapse before the matter i

A decree has been issued by the Peruvian Govern ment for the construction of a railway by the bond-holders from Cerrode Pasco to one of the navigable holders from Cerrode Pasco to one of the havigable Peruvian headwaters of the Amazon. The bondholders have accepted the contract, and are to be the perpetual owners of the road, and to have a monopoly extending for twenty-five years. This is the most important addition to the original contract. The work is to be finished within ten years, but as no serious engineering difficulties are to be surmounted it will be finished probably in half that time.

Panama. Dec. 16.—The "Bandera Nacional," of Guatemala, said on November 23: "The Government of Costa Rica has approved the pact of union which was signed in San Salvador on October 15 last. we can feel certain that the reconstruction of the Central American Confederation will be achieved in Much satisfaction has been expressed throughout

Much satisfaction has been expressed throughout Central America at the arrangement effected by the Government of San Salvador, under which it will pay to Italy \$45,000 in order to close the question which is known as the Sagrini chaim.

The Government has refused to accept the resignation of Senor Perez Zeledon, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Costa Rica in the United States.

JUSTIFYING PORTUGAL'S AFRICAN POLICY. Lisbon, Dec. 24.—The "Dia" (official organ), in an article on the relations between Portugal and Great Britain in regard to African territory, declares that Portugal is Justified, under Article 34 of the Congo treaty, in appealing to the Powers that signed that treaty against the British claims to the territory of

treaty against the British claims to the territory of the Makololos.

The semi-official press is confident that an early agreement will be reached between England and Portu-gal in the South African controversy. Senhor Gomes, the Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs, has made no proposition to submit the question to arbitration.

RUMORS OF DISORDER IN BRAZIL CONFIRMED. Buenos Ayres, Argentine, Dec. 24, via Galveston.-Private telegrams from Montevideo received by per sons here confirm the news of recent disorder riots in Brazil. They also state that the situation of the present Brazilian Government is critical.

cayura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Argentine Minister here, held a conference to-day regarding le-

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.-John Ehler, of Crow Harbor, and Thomas Macdonald, of Guysboro, were found guilty in the Admiralty Court to-day of complicity in extensive smuggling of American whiskey into Canada from the island of St. Pierre, whither the liquor was taken from Boston. Ehler was fined \$600 and re-ceived six months' imprisonment, and Macdonald was fined \$300 and got three months.

PANIC IN A MADRID THEATRE. Madrid. Dec. 24.-During the performance at the light machinery caused a panic, a cry of fire having manager the alarm was checked, and the andience dispersed quietly. The Queen Regent and the Infanta Isabel, who were in the royal box, remained standing during the commotion, and were the last to leave the

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN SOUTH AMERICA. Panama, Dec. 16.-At 1:05 a. m., Decen sharp shock of earthquake alarmed the p mayaquil. An earthquake was felt at Tinbor, Venezuela, at 10 a. m., November 21.

Heavy seas and high tides caused much damage in quique during the latter part of November, and late on the night of November 22 a slight shock of earth-

MANY DEATHS FROM TYPHUS FEVER IN BOGOTA. Panama. Dec. 16.-Many deaths have recently been caused by typhus fever in Bogota, in which city there are at present upward of 400 houses in course of are at present apward of the first trains over the construction. The arrival of the first trains over the sobana Railroad has caused a great influx of popula-tion, and thus created a demand for increased home

A GLOUCESTER SCHOONER STRANDED. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24 .- The schooner Annie M Jordan, of Gloucester, loaded with herring, ren ashors while entering the harbor of St. Pierre, Miq., yesterday morning. The crew were saved, but the vessel will probably be a total loss.

KILLED HIS WIFE AND HIMSELF. Ottawa, Dec. 24.—A terrible tragedy occurred at L'Auge Gardieu last night. W. Ford killed his wife, and then attacked his daughter and sister-in-law Failing in his attempt to kill them, he set fire to the house and cut his throat.

ITALIAN ANARCHISTS WISHING A REPUBLIC. Berne, Dec. 24.-Italian anarchists have posted placards in Lugano calling upon Italians to follow the example of Brazil, and overthrow the monarchy.

CONSUL KNAPPE TO RETURN TO SAMOA. Berlin, Dec. 24.—As soon as the Samoan question finally settled, Herr Knappe will resume his place

THE NOVA SCOTIA COLLIERY FIRE. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.-The pit at the Vale Colliery,

New Glasgow, in which a fire broke out yesterday, has been closed in an effort to smother the flames. SOUTH AMERICAN NOTES.

Panama, Dec. 16.-A bridge across the Bio Bio River, Chili, 864 metres in length, has recently been

The principal nitrate producers in Tarapaca have held meetings at which they determined upon measures which will reduce the amount of nitate produced, and send up the value of the article. They have all agreed to close down for two months, thus causing the stocks on hand to be reduced, and enhancing the

The Oruro and Sebaruyo Railroad Company, Bollvia, has hired 1,500 laborers to work on the first section of its line. The contractors expect to keep 15,000 men at work.

MUST DO ONE THING AT A TIME.

Chicago. Dec. 24 (Special).—A dispatch to "The Evening Journal," from Des Moines, Iowa, says: "The Fidelity and Casualty Insurance Company of New-York applied to the State Auditor for authority to do business in this State. The company claimed that it issued no policies; it simply agreed to pay losses on broken plate-glass, on losses by employes, and for death and injuries from steam-boller explosions. The state Anditor refused, holding the business of the company to be insurance, and as such could not do business in more than one branch in this State. It must conform to law, and confine its business to a single line of risks."

A KANSAS SUGAR COMPANY INCORPORATED. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 24.-A charter has been filed ere incorporating the Kingman County Sugar Company of Kingman; capital stock, \$500,000. rectors are mostly local capitalists. The company proposes to build a mill and factory for manufactur-ing and refining sugar and syrup from beets, and glucose from grain and seeds.

SHOT HIS STEPFATHER TO SAVE HIS MOTHER.

Chicago, Dec. 24 (Special).—Englebert Welss was fatally shot by his stepson, Jacob Boght, this morning, while the latter was protecting his mother from

been frequently called on to interfere in his mother behalf. Soon after midnight last night Weiss can benaif. Soon after midnight last night Weiss came home in an unusually quarrelsome mood, and shortly afterward young Boght heard his mother crying for help. He entered the room where the couple were just as Weiss was endeavoring to throw his wife through the window, which he had broken. Young Boght interfered and his angry stepfather turned on him. The young man at once drew his revolver and shot Weiss in the breast, the bullet entering the right lung. Weiss will die.

UNITED STATES SAILORS DROWNED.

A BOAT FROM THE ALBATROSS UPSETS-FOUR LIVES LOST AT MARE ISLAND YARD.

Vallejo. Cal., Dec. 24.-A boat containing eight sailors from the United States Fish Commission steamer Albatross and a crippled news-boy left the Albatross at Mare Island Navy Yard last night and started for Vallejo The night was dark and the tide running stron and the boat upset when near the United States ship Thetis. A boat was lowered from the Thetis and five men were rescued. John Enright, 8 sailor who was on the Trenton at Samoa; Robert Padgett, machinist; W. W. Lee (colored) and the newsboy were drowned. None of the bodies has

A WELL-KNOWN HOTEL CLOSED.

SHUTTERS PUT UP ON THE PRIDE OF THE PEOPLE OF CANAJOHARIE.

Canajoharie, Dec. 24 (Special).—Senator Wagner actel here, built by him to perpetuate his memor at his home, was closed to-day by order of the guardian and mother of the minor owner. Mrs. Benjamin killed in the Spuyten Duyvil disaster, January 13 Iffliside Farm and the Wagner homestead, at Palatin Bridge, were all left to his only son, Norman I Wagner, at one time superintendent of the Wagner sleeping Car Company, and his heirs. Norman died suddenly in New-York City about three years ago, intestate. Webster, jr., and a daughter, his children, are living. The hotel is inherited by the son and Mrs. Disbrow is the legally appoint guardian. It is said that when Norman married some of his sisters were displeased and showed their feeling to his wife. It was not longs after the death Norman before the widow compelled the family vacate the homestead, and that splendid property near the last resting place of the Senator's body has l allowed to deteriorate greatly. Just one year from the date of her husband's death she married Mr Now comes the closing of the hotel.

by Senator Wagner, who desired to please the people of Canajoharie. The people of this village raised by subscription \$600, which was expended in having the subscription \$600, which was expended in having the artist Edward Gay paint upon the wall facing the main entrance a picture of the Canajoharie Falls. Mrs. C. H. Lovett first took charge of the hotel. April 1, 1884, Henry Joy assumed control of the house. Mrs. Day's lease expired April 1, 1889, and Ziba Carpenter, of White Plains, became the landlord. Mr. Carpenter left the town about two weeks ago and has not yet returned. Mrs. Disbrow arrived in Canajoharie last Saturday, and from that time until yesterday noon futile efforts have been made to induce her to accept an offer of \$1,000 a year for five years, made by Mr. Joy, to keep the house open. She wanted \$1,800.

JUST LEARNED THAT SHE WAS FREE.

A NEGRO WOMAN MADE TO BELIEVE SHE WAS A SLAVE EVER SINCE THE WAR.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.-A unique case was decided in the Probate Court of Cooper County to-day. It was that of a colored woman who has just disevered that she woman and not a slave, and who has brought At the beginning of the war Joseph Hickhem, the wealthiest and most influential farmer in the county, bought a negress in the market and took her to the farm as a sewing maid. Since that time she has never been allowed to go beyond the bounds of the farm, and in her petition she alleged that she had been permitted to hold converse with none been permitted to hold converse with none of her race, and none of the family were ever permitted to tell her the results of the war. When her master died three weeks ago she ran away to Boonville and while there learned that the slaves had been emancipated and that she was a free woman. She told her story to the lawyer and he brought suit to recover \$1,400 wages at \$5 a month for twenty-live years, from Hickham's estate. The court decided for the plaintiff to-day and allowed one-half of the amount claimed.

EDWARD CALLAGHAN FREES HIS MIND. Master Workman T. V. Powderly arrested, has written a letter directed to "Judge Archbald, P. J.," but the contents were addressed to Alderman Fuller. The conprint of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg

print of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg. It reads as follows:

Scottdale, Penn., Dec. 23, 1889.

Alderman F. Fuller, Scranton, Penn.

My Dear Sir; Your fallure to indorse the warrant for the arrest of T. V. Powderly is a flagrant violation of your oath of office. The charge of conspiracy is "specific" and is clearly and distinctly set forth in the information made before 'Squire Kener, of Greensburg, Penn. This is the charge in substance. I charge T. V. Powderly, John R. Byrne and Peter Wise with falsely, wilfully and maliciously conspiring to injure me in my reputation and business. Can you make the crime of conspiracy more specific than that? I can prove the charge; and as for Mr. Powderly bringing counter-charges against me, tell him I will be only too glad to confront a scoundrel like him. If the warrant for the arrest was in accord with my sworm information, I shall hold you and Judge Robert W. Archald responsible for obstructing an officer in the discharge of his sworn duties. Yours, etc.

EDWARD CALLAGHAN.

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I enclose a newspaper clipping containing an a count of your decision, also Judge Archbald's. It shameful to both if it is true. A PATHETIC DIVORCE CASE ENDED.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—One of the most pathetic sepa

rations that have ever been legally ordained occurre here yesterday, when Maria H. Miller received a divorce from Louis Miller. The latter is a Russian, and was exiled for political reasons. He left in Russia a wife and child, whom he supported for five year after coming to America. Then came the Russe Turkish war, and nothing more was heard from the wife and child. Miller was informed that they were dead, and he mourned them as lost. He did well in business here, and in 1884 married the woman wh

secured the divorce to-day. They lived happily Meanwhile the original Mrs. Miller and her boy, the Meanwhile the original Mrs. Miller and her boy, latter now grown to manfiood, arrived in this coun and came to St. Louis. Father and son met, a though neither suspected the other's identity for eral months, friends spoke of the likeness, and senily the boy told his story. Miller visited his Islan wife, and there was a reconciliation. When second wife learned the story, she quickly sued divorce, and the happy union was broken. She be Miller an affectionate farewell yesterday, and he stalled his first wife and his son in the old home.

KILLED ONE AND FATALLY STARRED ANOTHER Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—A special dispatch to "The Inquirer" from Dover, Del., says: A drunken affray which cost two lives happened at Hartley, a small town in this county near the Maryland line, this after wheelwright and blacksmith shop at Hartley, this afternoon were drinking there with several friends among whom were George Peterson, and John Honey of Dover. Peterson, who is also a blacksmith, teased Maas by asserting that he did not know his business This angered Maas and he struck Peterson, and a gen eral fight followed. Peterson cut Maas in the side with a razor, the blade passing through his left lung. and then, turning on Dill, Peterson again used his and then, turning on Dill, received again used his razor, slashing Dill's throat in a fearful manner. Maas died in a few minutes and Dill is dying. Peterson made his escape to the woods after the cutting. Scouting parties with torches, dogs and shotguns are scouring the woods to night for Peterson. Peterson, the murderer, is of respectable parentage and lives in Device.

MRS RUTTERT'S MURDERERS STILL AT LARGE. Tarentum, Penn., Dec. 24.-The excitement over the robbery of Paul Ruttert's lewelry store, and the brutal murder of Mrs. Ruttert last night, has not abated. Armed posses were out all night scouring the country for the three murderers, but with little success. One man named Clouts was found secreted in some bushes and was taken to the lock-up. A revolver with one and was taken to the lock-up. A revolver with one empty chamber was found on his person. He protested his innocence, but the feeling was so intense that he barely escaped lynching. The Knights of Pythias, of which order Rutter is a member, has offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of the mur-

derers.
Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—A posse of officers in search of Mrs. Ruttert's murderers came across three suspicious characters near Braddock, Fenn., this morning, and attempted to arrest them; but after a skirmish, during which several shots were fired on each side, the fellows got away. Threats of lynching are freely made.

always been abusive to his wife, and young Boght has THE LAND OFFICE SCANDAL

QUESTIONABLE METHODS OF PROCURING A VALUABLE PATENT.

AN INVESTIGATION WHICH WILL DISCLOSE

GROSS FRAUD OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE-SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

OF THE ENTRY. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, Dec. 24.—The investigation now in regress in the General Land Office in relation to the randulent patent for valuable iron lands near Duluth s nearly completed, and the testimony taken shows either a frand unparalleled in the history of the office of nattention, carelessness and incompetency am almost to criminality. It shows beyond question that patent by Douglas, the clerk in charge of such mat ers, while a controversy involving the same land was pending before the Secretary, and while a written protest and caveat against the patent, signed by Jame K. Reddington, representing adverse claimants, was actually lying before him with the other papers.

It is further shown that after the entry had been so approved it was, at the request of Luther Harrison, attorney for Hartman and Mallett, taken out of its regular order and sent to the patenting division of the office, where it was rushed through to patent in four patents actually written out and ready for signature It further appears that the patent was recorded in stantly upon its delivery to the parties interested, and that several conveyances were also recorded with evident intent to put the record title in the hands of stensible third parties. During the progress of the in sented by two Washington attorneys, Harrison and Seymour, has been here in person almost constantly since last March, and although his presence at the investigation was demanded by the opposing attorney and requested by the Commissioner, his attorneys fused to produce him as a witness or to allow him to He has himself, as shown by the testi mony, carefully avoided the investigation

The defence set up by Mallett and his attorneys that they made a mistake and that they were seeking another patent instead of the one in question, and sustain this assertion they produce a telegram in which it is claimed there was a mistake in transmission. But the employe who, under the direction of er superior, handed the case to the patent-writer, testified that this telegram was not presented to office until long after the case was in the hands of the patent-writer, and that the telegram had nothing to do with the questionable proceedings. This employe estified further that the case was advanced upon a list presented by Harrison upon which this case wa especially noted. Harrison produced a list purporting to be the one in question, but upon examinati showed mutilation, and the employe above referred to nd the Recorder of the General Land Office both swore

showed mutilation, and the employe above referred to and the Recorder of the General Land Office both swore that neither in size nor substance was it the original list presented to them.

The grave question now, aside from the punishment of any of the offenders within official reach, is how the title thus fraudulently obtained can be reclaimed by the Government. A patent once signed and recorded, is beyond Executive power or control, and can only be cancelled by the General Land Office with the consent of the patentee. After the discovery of the fraud, and after the Commissioner had telegraphed to the local offices not to deliver the patent, it was returned by Hartman and Maliett. But they refused to consent to its cancellation, except upon terms; and as they put several conveyances on record subsequent to its return, it is probably impossible to vacate the fraudulent title without suit by the United States under direction of the Attorney-General. This, it is believed, will be one result of the investigation. What will be done in other directions remains to be seen. The exposure of this scandal has greatly excited attorneys and others interested in land matters. If such operations are possible, there is no security for honest claimants or reputable attorneys, and an emphatic demand is made for protection in the future by a thorough reorganization of the personnel and change in the methods of the office.

the West, came in the yard at a high rate of speed, 45, the trains came together. A caboose and a couple of box cars were wrecked. A coal fire in the caboose set the wreck ablaze. The wrecked cars had be shoved over on a side track near a car loaded with giant powder, and had not the firemen been able to

About midnight another alarm summoned the fire nen to Charles C. Wilcox's place on Main st., where it was found that a straw stack between two large barns had been set on fire. The barns were saved. The firemen had scarcely finished their work here before another alarm sent them to the north end of Mechanic-st., where the large barn of F. F. Thompson, of New-York, was found in flames. The building was doomed, and of twelve valuable full-blood Hoistein cows and four fine horses, three cows only were saved. cows and four fine horses, three cows only were saved. At 7 a. m. another alarm was given. This time it was a barn on Thomas M. Howells's place on Gibsonst., which burned. One fireman who ran across lots from his residence to the Wilcox fire passed two pien who were running away from it. An attempt was also made this morning to burn the McKechnie brewery, but it was frustrated by the night watchman, who discovered the blaze in time to put it out. Thompson's barn was insured for \$1.800, but that will not cover the loss. There was a runor to the effect that an attempt was made to burn the old Fort Hill school-building. People fear a repetition of the work done by incendiaries here ten years ago, and again about five years ago.

THE NATIONAL W. C. T. U. TROUBLE. Chicago, Dec. 24 (Special).-Mrs. T. B. Walker of Minneapolis, prominent as one of the organizers o the National non-partisan movement of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and a member of the National Committee, has just prepared an address on the recent Chicago Convention. The writer makes extended reference to the advent of politics into the organization. Woman suffrage, she says, has been made to appear to be one of the necessities of the temperance cause, and has been made an adjunct of temperance cause, and has been made an adjunct of the union, to the great detriment of both temperance and the suffrage movement. A reference to the stormy scenes of the convention is as follows: "A con-vention of Christian women has reached nearly to the level of an ordinary ward cancus when one of its members cannot speak her honest sentiments and beliefs, couched in proper and respectful language, without being met by a chorus of hisses and jeers."

THE CHICAGO POLICE REBUKED

Chicago, Dec. 24 (Special).-The police of this city have received a severe rebuke from Justice Wheele for their inclination to interrupt peaceful gatherings on the alleged pretext that they are "Anarchist meet ings." A few weeks ago while J. Mentzer was ad dressing a labor meeting, in Milwankee ave., the meeting was broken up by Detective Nordrum and his as sistants. On Mentzer's trial it was proved that the meeting was orderly and not at all of an Anarchise sort, and Mentzer was discharged. The latter the had Nordrum arrested for assault, and the labor or ganizations hired an attorney to prosecute the case ganizations hired an attorney to prosecute the case. The witnesses swore that the meeting was orderly nutil Nordrum broke it up by arresting Mentzer. Justice Wheeler sustained Mentzer and found the officer guilty of assault. The justice fined Nordrum \$25\$, and warned the police that the mere cry of "Anarchists" was not sufficient justification for dispersing an orderly meeting. Notwithstanding this result, the City Attorney at once filed an appeal bond and announced his intention of taking the case to a higher court.

Chicago, Dec. 24 (Special).-The Chicago police appear now to believe that Max Mantwell, who was murdered in the basement of his house by being stabbed forty-two times, was killed by a mania-Although Mrs. Mantwell and her paramour are still is juil, all the efforts of the police are being directed toward the capture of a lunatic named Dankspeigel who has been at large for some time on the West Side Dankspeigel is said to be of Polish descent, and is described as a powerful man, weighing over

stabbing him several times, made his escape, has nearly killed several other people.

RAISING ELEVATOR CHARGES.

UNPOPULAR ACTION OF THE ENGLISH OWNERS OF CHICAGO HOUSES.

Chicago, Dec. 24.-A morning newspaper says: Shippers and receivers of grain on the Board of Trade are considerably exercised over the action of the elevator syndicate that is controlled by English capitalists in raising the storage rate from 9 than 10 cents a year per bushel for all sorts of grain. The advance was entirely unexpected. Board possession of the Wheeler and Munger storage proper ies that rates would be systematically lowered that elevators that have for year's been practically shut down" under a system similar to that practis by trusts and other monopolies would be opened for the purpose of equalizing rates of storage. The syndi-At a conference between the elevator proprietors held yesterday the following changes in grain rates were

"On all grain received on or after January 1, 1890, I cent per bushel for the first ten days or part of same, and 3-8 cent for each additional ten days or part of same, so long as it remains in good condit foregoing rates until 4 cents per bushel have accrued after which no additional storage will be charged until the first day of May, 1890, so long as the grain remains in good condition. On and after the first day of December next, storage will be at the foregoing rates until 4 cents per bushel shall have accrued, after which no additional storage will be charged until the first day of May, 1801, so long as the grain remains The increase, it seems, is directed chiefly aga

Robert Lindblom & Co., the Board of Trade firm, which on January 1, will receive a delivery of wheat amount ing to-considerably over 700,000 bushels. 'I do not said Mr. Lindblom last night, 'just what the

Board of Trade will do in the matter, but a meetin, to protest against the advance has been called.'

"What is the maximum charge allowed by law?"

"Fifteen cents. So you see the elevator proprietors are keeping well within the law."

"What is their purpose in making the advance?"

"Simply to make the properties pay more that they ought to. Why, if they were to charge the ful legal rate on an elevator that holds 1,900,000 bushel of grain and that same elevator was to remain ful a year they would realize every cent the plant costhem."

"What will be the effect of the raise?"

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"'It will simply draw money from the Board of
Trade, from the farmer and the producere'"

BURIED UNDER TONS OF ROCK.

ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DIG OUT THE VICTIMS OF THE CAVEAN.

San Andreas, Cal., Dec. 24.-There is no hope escuing the sixteen miners who were buried in the Working parties have found two dead bodies, but will not be able to reach them until to-morrow. is feared they will not be able to reach some of the other victims for several weeks. It is believed the falling rock.

Williams and J. Brady, leave wives and children. The names of the others are Knick Enoch, B. Segale. Peter Pernie, C. Bertro, Paul Owsovitch, John Bulolette John Toboco, C. A. Pollard, Joseph Curnow, John Martin, Mitchell Broadwick, James Casey and William

400-foot level to repair the timbering which had became loosened. They had not worked over an hour when the supports of the upper timbers sud denly swerved to the right, and the rooting, earth and rocks fell, burying sixteen men underneath the ruins. Thomas Corwin and two Italians were working near the mouth of the drift, and managescape, although Corwin was badly injured.

INCENDIARIES IN CANANDAIGUA.

FIREMEN SPEND A LIVELY NIGHT-VALUABLE
ANIMALS BURNED IN A STABLE.

Canandaigua, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The firemen were kept hard at work from 9 o'clock last night until 8 o'clock this morning. They responded to four alarms, three caused by incendiary fires and one by an accident on the New-York Central Railroad. Freight trains No. 45, from the East, and No. 47, from the West, came in the yard at a high rate of speed, that the hoists have been drawn into the cave.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Rev. George C. Lorimer when spoken to in regard to the call issued to him by the Warren Avenue Baptist Church of Boston, said I have received a call from Boston, but have not yet given it any consideration at all. I shall, however, consider it carefully."

"Has your work in Chicago been satisfactory to yourself!" was asked. lations to the congregation of Immanuel Baptist

Church have endeared it to me as a body and individually. It is now ten years since I left Tremont Temple in Boston to come here. At the same time my annual visits to Boston to give lectures have kept up my home feeling for that city." STRIKING ZINC ORE AT NEWTON, N. J. Newton, N. J., Dec. 24 (Special).-Considerable exitement was created at this place to-day by the

tone Company and situated near the company's actory on the line of the Sussex Railroad, discovered his valuable ore, which, it is estimated, by good adges will yield nearly 60 per cent of pure zinc.

here. Workmen engaged in the limestone quarry

owned by by W. H. Palmer, of the H. W. Merriam

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN RAPTISTS Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—A conference upon foreign nissions is to held in the First Baptist Church of finneapolis from January 1 to 3. About 68,000 Similar of the five States of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and the Dakotas will be represented. This is the first meeting of the kind in the West. The conference will include laymen. Dr. Tolman, of Chicago, and Dr. McKenzie, of Boston, will be present.

MOTHER AND CHILD KILLED BY A TRAIN. Pittsburg, Dec. 24.-A dispatch from Connell-ville, small baby was struck by a train a short distance elow this place this morning. The woman was fatally injured and the child killed. The bodies on the track for some time before they were discove The woman's home is in Dawson."

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 24.—Michael Marker, James Hardie and Tug Wilson left Alba on foot for Contractor mith's camp on the Long Creek road in the Blue Mountains several days ago. They failed to arrive at the camp and it is supposed they lost their way and perished in the snow, which was from sixteen inches

omeago, Dec. 24 (Special).-A disease resembling the epizootic has broken out among the horses in the vicinity of Minier, Tazewell County, Ill., with alarming consequences. Rajisback Brothers, breeders and importers, have lost six fine animals, and nearly all their horses are more or less afflicted.

Albany, Dec. 24.-In the Court of Oyer and Terminer this morning the Commission which examined James McCall, the wife murderer, of West Troy, reported him to be insane, and he was ordered to be taken to the Asylum for Insane Criminals at Anburn.

Chicago, Dec. 24.-The Signal Service Bureau advised of the approach of a cold wave. It is now in Dakota and is moving in this direction at a rate which will land it here to morrow or the day after with a temperature of about 15 degrees above zero. It will spread to the States eastward.

HE COULD NOT BUY HIS SWEETHEART A GIFT. mitted suicide by hanging himself in his room in No. 641 Fifth-st, yesterday. He was despondent because he had been out of work for some time. He was engaged to be married to a young German woman, and it is said that his grief at not having the money to buy her a Christmas gift was the occasion of his suicide.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

HOW THE DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED.

BIG DINNERS AT THE CHARITABLE INSTITU-TIONS-SERVICES AND ELABORATE MUSI-

CAL PROGRAMMES AT MANY OF THE

CHURCHES - ATTRACTIONS

AT THE THEATRES. In addition to the many thousand informal celds brations of Christmas in the homes of the city, the day will be observed by big dinners and entertain

ments at nearly all the charitable institutions and special services in many of the churches. The musical programmes at the Catholic, Episcopal and some other churches will be elaborate and beautiful. Many Sunday-schools will also have their Christmas exercises to-night, at which the pupils will receive bags of nuts and candy and other presents At the theatres there will be two

performances, and big crowds at both. A big Christmas dinner will be given to the members of the Young Men's Institute, No. 222 Bowery, at 2 p. m. Friends of the organization have contributed an abundance of good things to

The children of the Messiah Heme for Children, No: 4 Rutherford Place, will have a feast at noon to-day and general merrymaking in the afternoon. They will not strip their Christmas tree of its

treasures, however, until to-morrow night. The children and old women at the Home for the Friendless, No. 32 East Thirtieth-st., will receive presents to-day, and will also enjoy an appropriate dinner.

After the hundred inmates of the West-Side Boys' Lodging House, at Thirty-second-st. and Seventh-ave., have enjoyed all the turkey they can eat at 6:30 p. m. to-day, they will be treated to an entertainment arranged by Miss Henrietta Mark-

stein, the piano-player. The Wetmore Home for Friendless Girls, No. 40 Washington Square, will be decorated with evergreens to-day. The forty-six girl inmates will sit down to a fine dinner at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and will then give an entertaiment for the amuse ment of their friends. The programme will consist of songs, recitations, tableaus and instru-

The St. Christopher's House, One-hundred-andtwelfth-st. and Riverside-ave., will have a turkey dinner this afternoon and a tree loaded with presents to-night. One Christmas tree would not be enough for the

little folk in the New-York Juvenile Asylum,

One-hundred-and-seventy-sixth-st, and Tenth-

ave., so they will have three, all well filled with toys and useful presents. There will be a concert at night, and of course, a big turkey dinner in

at night, and of course, a big turkey dinner in the day.

There will also be Christmas dinners and entertainments at the Ladies' Deborah Nursery, No. 95 East Broadway: the East Side Lodging-House for Boys, No. 287 East Broadway: the Temporary Home for Girls, at No. 27 St. Mark's Place; the Wilson Industrial School, No. 125 St. Mark's Place; the Wayside Day Nursery, No. 216 East Twentieth-st.; St. Ann's Home for Children, Ninetieth-st, and Avenue A: and, in short, about all the charitable institutions of the city.

The inmates of the various city charitable and penal institutions will not be forgotten, for 14,846 pounds of chicken, 4,675 pounds of turkey and other edibles in proportion have been bought to provide for them a dinner worthy of the day. The M. Brown Volunter Aid Society will give an entertainment to-night for the benefit of a needy family in the New-York Maennerchor Hall Fifty-sixth-st, and Third-ave.

At the Sunday-school of the Old John Street Methodist Episcopal Church the day will be observed by an entertainment at which the pupils of the school will sing and give recitations. The rewards of merit and presents will also be distributed.

BUSY SCENES IN THE STREETS!

SHOPPERS OUT IN FORCE YESTERDAY AND ALD THE STORES CROWDED.

The city was filled with the signs of Christmas good cheer yesterday. New-York is a first-rate holiday The Scots at home, preserving the traditions that they borrowed from the Druids, give all the their folk-songs states a well-known fact about their

"It's no lang till Newrday noo, Ye'll be drunk and I'll be fou!"

The English and the Irish are fonder of Christmas The continental nations of Europe have similar prejudices, some keeping one feast day, some the

born, observes both Christmas and New Year. Many of New-York's citizens will spend their holiday in the country. The trains on all the roads were crowded with outward bound passengers, eager to join the old folks in the old homestead at their Christmas fireside. Others who could not go sent remembrances. The habit of present-giving at Christmas is increasing. The express companies had to work harder than ever before in handling the packages of good things sent out of town and in receiving gifts for New-Yorkers from their friends in the

As usual, thousands of people waited until the last discovery of a vein of zinc ore that bids fair to equal available minute before they bought their presents, n quality the zine found at Franklin, ten miles from onsequently the stores were crowded all the afternoon and evening. But all their patrons were good-natured, and bore the jostling and crush in the proper

natured, and bore the jostiling and crush in the proper Chaistmas spirit, as if they enjoyed it. Travel on the elevated roads was increased greatly. At such busy stations as Fourteenth-st, and Twenty-third-st, both East and West, the platforms had a throng of passengers for every train, and with every train came throngs who wanted to get out at these stations.

The store windows attracted many who didn't want to buy. They provided an excellent entertainment. At Macy's the annual panorama, this year more elaborate than ever, kept the sidewalks crowded with spectators. It was the last day of the "show," All the figures have been sold, and will be sent to their owners' homes immediately. Among the scenes presented were several from "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which caused some perfervid people to write in indignant protest, on the ground that they revived memories that should be allowed to rest. But the taleaus complained of were not removed, and it is difficult to see why any one should object to the selection for illustration of any story rich in dramatic situations. The firm chose the tales which they adorn not from sentimental motives, but simply and solely on the ground of their adaptability to the wants of the successful tableau-maker.

NOT MUCH FUN AT THE EXCHANGE: THE PRODUCE MEN THE ONLY ONES TO IN-DULGE IN MANY ANTICS.

No attention was paid at the Stock Exchange to the most cheerful holiday in the calendar. Not even funeral note" was heard, and the fog-horn was con spicuous by its absence. The shrill whistle was not present and the little German band was forbidden by ordinance to make even one round of the sacred floor. One of the active leaders in old-time frolics, the gallant son of a still more gallant father, remarked

"There isn't much to crow about in this market. The 'boys' are not hilarious; they may be older and they may be poorer and wiser. I have led several processions around the floor, but I could not have

processions around the floor, but I could not have joined in any celebration to-day. I guess that this is the general feeling at the Stock Exchange."

At the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange an attempt was made to duplicate the festivities of former years. The 12th Regiment Band was hired and for an hour after noon there was some lively dancing on the floor. A handsome gavel and block to lignum vitae were given by Larry De Forrest to the Chairman A. W. Peters, and the big, handsome chairman is expected to hammer out enough fines from constreperous members to make them weary of attempts to do him honor. After this little ceremony was over, the "fun" began. A sufficient number of the officers of the Exchange crowded the rostrum to give it an appearance of festivity, but around the circle give it an appearance of festivity, but around the circ of merrymakers was massed a throng whose faces told the story of a lack of the vim and spirit which in told the story of a lack of the vim and spirit other days made the Caristmas show and programme something worth watching. The best jokes that the members of the Exchange could get off " reflected upon the stagnation at the Stock Exchange, which was supposed nation at the Stock Exchange, which was supposed and of the Consolidated Board.